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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joy K Contee

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,22-32,34 and 41-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22-32,34 and 41-47 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,3 and 4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1,3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Patterson et al., (Patterson), U.S. Patent No. 6,059,081, previously used.

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Regarding claim 1, Patterson discloses a cable retractor assembly, comprising:
an enclosure for housing a rotatable reel, the enclosure having a first side and an opposing side (col. 2, lines 31-56, see Fig. 2),

a biasing member coupled to the reel and the enclosure for urging the reel to rotate in a predetermined direction (col. 2, lines 3-11)

a first plurality of terminals disposed on the first side of the enclosure (reads on swivel plug 56), and second plurality of terminals disposed on the second side of the enclosure (reads on outlet cord 52), inherently the first plurality of terminals electrically coupled (via circuit board) to the second plurality of terminals (col. 2, line 57 to col. 3, line 6 and see Fig. 2),

wherein the first plurality of terminals is coupleable to a power supply external to a portable communications device (reads pm standard 115 volt AC wall outlet) and the second plurality of terminals is coupleable to the portable communications device (reads on electronic device having rechargeable batteries) (col. 1, line 6-10 and col. 2, line 57 to col. 3, line 6 and see Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 3, Patterson discloses the cable retractor of claim 1, wherein the portable communications device is a wireless phone (col. 1, lines 6-20).

Regarding claim 4, Patterson discloses the cable retractor of claim 3, wherein the wireless phone is a cellular phone (col. 1, lines 6-20).

Allowable Subject Matter

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4. Claims 22-32,34 and 41-47 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: prior art of record fails to explicitly disclose a cable retractor assembly wherein an actuator or sensor is actuated based on the biasing member being rotated.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Metroka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,148,471, discloses a communication device with voice recognition and movable element control interface.

Kaschke, U. S. Patent No. 5,898,933 discloses an apparatus and method for generating a control signal responsive to a movable antenna.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K Contee whose telephone number is 703-308-0149. The examiner can normally be reached on M (alternating), T & Th, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 703-305-4379. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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